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## **Inmate Death at FMC Devens**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, inmate Elize Parker tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts. Institution medical staff monitored Mr. Parker's condition and provided treatment. On Sunday, December 27, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Parker was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, Mr. Parker was admitted to a local hospital for multiple medical complications. On Friday, September 24, 2021, Mr. Parker, who had pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Parker was a 75-year-old male who was committed by the Western District of Missouri under 18 USC 4246. Mr. Parker had been in custody at FMC Devens since July 20, 1999.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 776 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at <a href="https://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp">www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp</a>.

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